

City Council Regular Meetings, November 27, 2001

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue

REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Cook, Warden, Wright, Rianda, Hahn

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: City Manager Kersnar, Assistant City Manager Rich, City Attorney Savaree, Community Development Director Ewing, Acting Public Works Director Jones, Finance Director Fil, Police Chief Janke, Parks and Recreation Director Mittelstadt, IT Manager Harnish, City Clerk Kern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of a Resolution from the State Assembly to the City Council and the citizens of Belmont on the 75th Anniversary (Assemblyman Papan)

Mayor Hahn explained that this Resolution from the Assemblyman Papan was in honor of the City's 75th Anniversary.

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Kartman, 508 Mt. View Avenue, read a letter (on file in the Clerk's office) with signatures from neighbors regarding a company doing business on Mountain View Avenue without a business license, and in violation of City ordinances. She requested that the City make this business aware of the operating restrictions in this area, and if they do not comply, have them move to another location.

Mr. Lawhern, 408 Hiller Street, Sterlings Down Neighborhood Association, expressed his concerns about businesses on Old County Road that were operating without business licenses, and businesses that had licenses, but were violating the zoning requirements. He reported that storage sheds had been added to some of the businesses, which was in violation of the City ordinances, and caused visual deterioration to the area. Mr. Lawhern stated that he thought the problem could be corrected if businesses were checked for compliance before they were issued a business license. He requested that enforcement be done to bring these businesses into compliance. Mr. Lawhern reported that there as a business license issued to a plumbing business in a residential neighborhood, which was not allowed, and he requested that this matter be investigated.

Mr. Lawhern thanked Mayor Hahn and Councilmember Rianda for their years of service on the Council and for the positive impact they had made on Belmont. He congratulated Councilmember Cook on her reelection, and noted that the Council now had three Belmont natives and Carlmont High graduates (Cook, Metropulos, Warden) serving on Council. Mr. Lawhern wished Councilmember Wright and Warden a good year.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Mayor Hahn announced that agenda item No. 4-J (directional sign on Ralston) would be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of meeting minutes: Regular and Special Meetings October 23, 2001.

Approval of Warrant List Dated: November 9, 2001 in total Amount of \$232,859.59.

Written Communication 1). Rec. 11/13 Comments of PG&E of the need for a Gas and Electric Attrition increase in 2002, A.97-12-020; 2). Rec. 11/13 U-901-E PacifiCorp's Annual Report in Compliance with General Order No. 166 (D.98-04-3298); 3). Rec. 11/15 from PG&E re. NOI Complaint 2003 GRC; 4). Rec. 11/19 from PG&E re. PG&E petition to modify D.01-10-59 & Application for rehearing of Decision 01-10-059, A.97-12-020, I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005, I.95-02-015 (U39M).

Motion to approve Claims Management Report.

Motion to waive reading of Ordinances.

Resolution No. 9121 declaring as Surplus Vehicles and Equipment and Authorizing Sale at Public Auction and Disposal.

Resolution No. 9122 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Cotton Shires, and Associates for Construction Inspection Services, Lassen Retaining Wall, CCN 411.

Resolution No. 9123 accepting donation from Autobahn Motors of five (5) Mercedes Benz bicycles for the Belmont Police Department.

Resolution No. 9124 approving the Installation of an Intersection Lane Control Sign on the Grade Separation Bridge over Harbor Boulevard approaching El Camino Real (westbound)

Resolution No. 9125 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Walter Levison, Consulting Arborist to provide arborist-consulting services.

Ordinance No. 938 amending Chapter 7 of the Belmont City Code adopting by reference, the Model Floodplain Management Ordinance for California Communities as promulgated by the State of California Department of Water Resources. (2nd reading and adoption).

Ordinance No. 939 to rezone certain property at 120 Sem Lane from limited manufacturing (M-1) to Highway Commercial (C-3) (Appl. No. 01-0056 2nd reading and adoption).

Ordinance No. 940 amending Belmont City Code Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation.(2nd reading and adoption).

Resolution No. 9126 to approve the Engineering and Traffic Speed Survey with one exception, and establish speed limits on various streets in the City of Belmont.

Motion to cancel second meeting in December because of the Holidays.

Resolution No. 9127 authorizing issuance of a Purchase Order to Belmont Systems in the amount of \$51,400.00 for Computer Related Systems.

Consent Calendar adopted as amended. Moved by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, by roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF AN INTERSECTION LANE CONTROL SIGN ON THE GRADE SEPARATION BRIDGE OVER RALSTON AVENUE APPROACHING EL CAMINO REAL (Westbound)

Acting Public Works Director Jones reported that the Traffic Safety Committee received a complaint regarding the road turn lane configuration on Harbor Boulevard and Ralston Boulevard. He said the committee determined that an intersection lane control sign would help reduce confusion and increase traffic safety. He said these signs would be placed on the bridge overcrossing for better visibility for motorists.

Mr. Lawhern 408 Hiller Street, stated that he was against anymore sign pollution at the Ralston intersection. He said more signs would not solve the problem, but drivers needed to pay attention.

C. Rianda asked if staff could review the signs in that area, and remove any signs that duplicated efforts.

C. Wright stated that the lanes didn't line up which caused confusion and it was easy to get in the wrong lane. He agreed that drivers needed more visual aids.

C. Warden stated that it would cause more blight and didn't think the signage was necessary.

C. Cook stated that there had been a number of complaints with the lane configurations. She said if these signs helped make the situation safer, she was in favor of the signage.

Action: on motion by C. Rianda, to adopt this Resolution with the condition that staff complete an evaluation on the placement and effectiveness of other directional signs at this intersection.

This motion was seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, to adopt:

Resolution No. 9128 approving the Installation of an Intersection Lane Control Sign on the Grade Separation Bridge over Ralston Avenue approaching El Camino Real (westbound)

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 7:50 P.M. this meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Kern

Belmont City Clerk

Meeting tape-recorded and video taped.

TAPE NO. 509